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1. RESUME REFTEL WISHES INCLUDE ALL FORMS OF HELL WEED UNDER
TERM MARIHUANA, PREPARATION WHICH NOT USED IN EGYPT.

2. EGYPTIAN LAW IS QUITE STRICT WITH REGARD ALL PRODUCTS OF
CANNABIS SATIVA OR INDICA, GENERALLY SEEN IN EGYPT IN FORM OF
HASHISH. PRODUCTION IMPORTATION AND SALE OF THESE SUBSTANCES
HAS BEEN EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN SINCE LAW OF 10 MARCH 1884. LAW
PRESENTLY PROVIDES:

-- FOR IMPORT/EXPORT OF SUCH PRODUCTS, MAXIMUM PENALTY OF
LIFE AT HARD LABOR AND/OR FINE OF L.E.3000-10,000;

-- FOR CULTIVATION, POSSESSION OR PURCHASE FOR PERSONAL USE
OF SUCH PRODUCTS, (UNSPECIFIED) TERM OF IMPRISONMENT AND/OR
FINE OF L.E.500-3,000.

ALTHOUGH LAW DOES NOT SPECIFY RELATIOSHIP BETWEEN JAIL SENTENCES
AND QUANTITY OF DRUG, PENALTIES NORMALLY ARE RELATED TO SEVERITY
OF OFFENSE AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY COURT.

3. EGYPTIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORT IS MORE INTENSE WITH
REGARD TO NARCOTICS THAN TO CANNABIS PRODUCTS. AS CONCERNS
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LATTER, IT IS DIRECTED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TOWARDS TRAFFICKER
RATHER THAN USER SINCE ENFORCEMENT MEANS ARE LIMITED. THIS
APPROACH IS ALSO REFLECTION OF FACT THAT, IN EGYPT VIEW, USER OF
HASHISH DOES NOT PRESENT MAJOR SOCIAL OR CRIMINAL PROBLEM.
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